

REMARKS

This document is in response to that Office Action dated May 28, 2004, and also follows a telephone conversation with Examiner Sterling on October 19, 2004. The time and effort extended by Examiner Sterling during that telephone conversation is greatly appreciated.

Regarding the Specification and Drawings

This present response has addressed issues related to the drawings and specification by providing new, formal drawings and by making amendments to the specification and drawings as requested in the Office Action. Red-lined copies of changed Figs. 1, 2 and 6 (showing corrected numeral "25" for the "connection plate") are attached for reference. Of the submitted drawings, Figs. 5 and 6 are "formalized" versions of original Figs. 5 and 6, and Figs. 7 and 8 are new drawings depicting the "plug-in belt bow" and the "base stand", respectively. Applicant submits that now new matter has been introduced.

Regarding 35 USC §112 Rejections

The Office Action has rejected the claims as being indefinite because of the use of the term "pin-like". The stated argument is that the term "pin-like" renders the claims indefinite because the claims include elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "or the like"), thereby rendering the scope of the claims as "unascertainable". Applicant strongly disagrees with this position. Applicant asserts that the terms "pin-like device" and "pin-like extension" are definite identifiers of specific items clearly referred to in the specification and clearly identified in the drawings. Nonetheless, in order to avoid the expense of arguing and potentially appealing this issue, Applicant has changed the identifying terms within the specification from "pin-like device" to "pin device" and from "pin-like extension" to "pin extension". Applicant has made the same substitutions for the terms used in the claims. It is strongly submitted that this is simply a substitution of identifying terms and is not a narrowing of the claims nor a narrowing of the specification nor an introduction of new matter.

In light of this substitution of terms, Applicant submits that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance, and the indication of allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

Regarding New Claims 12-22

Applicant has inserted new claims wherein the new independent claim 12 recites a camera support of a structure which is in substantial part similar to that stated in the Office Action as constituting allowable subject matter. Therefore, it is believed that all of claims 12-23 are allowable, and a favorable indication of such allowance is solicited.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has submitted herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and invites the Examiner to consider the claims in light of this cited information. Applicant submits that the claims as pending distinguish patentably over the references.

Conclusion


In light of the above, Applicant submits that all of claims 1-23 are now in condition for allowance and an early allowability is courteously submitted.

Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace this originally filed drawings, Figs. 1-6, with the attached sheets, Figs. 1-8.



"RED LINE"

Fig. 1

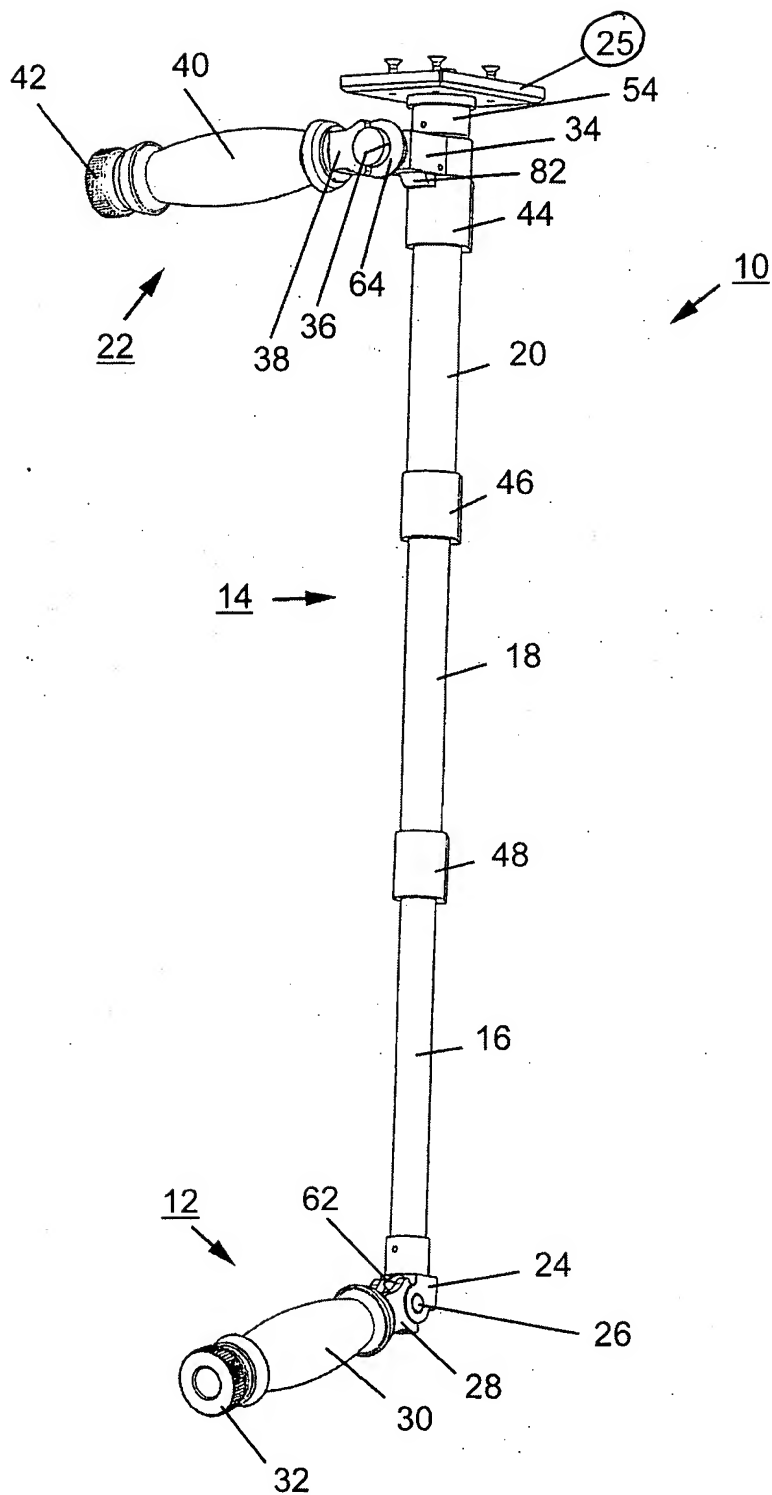


Fig. 2

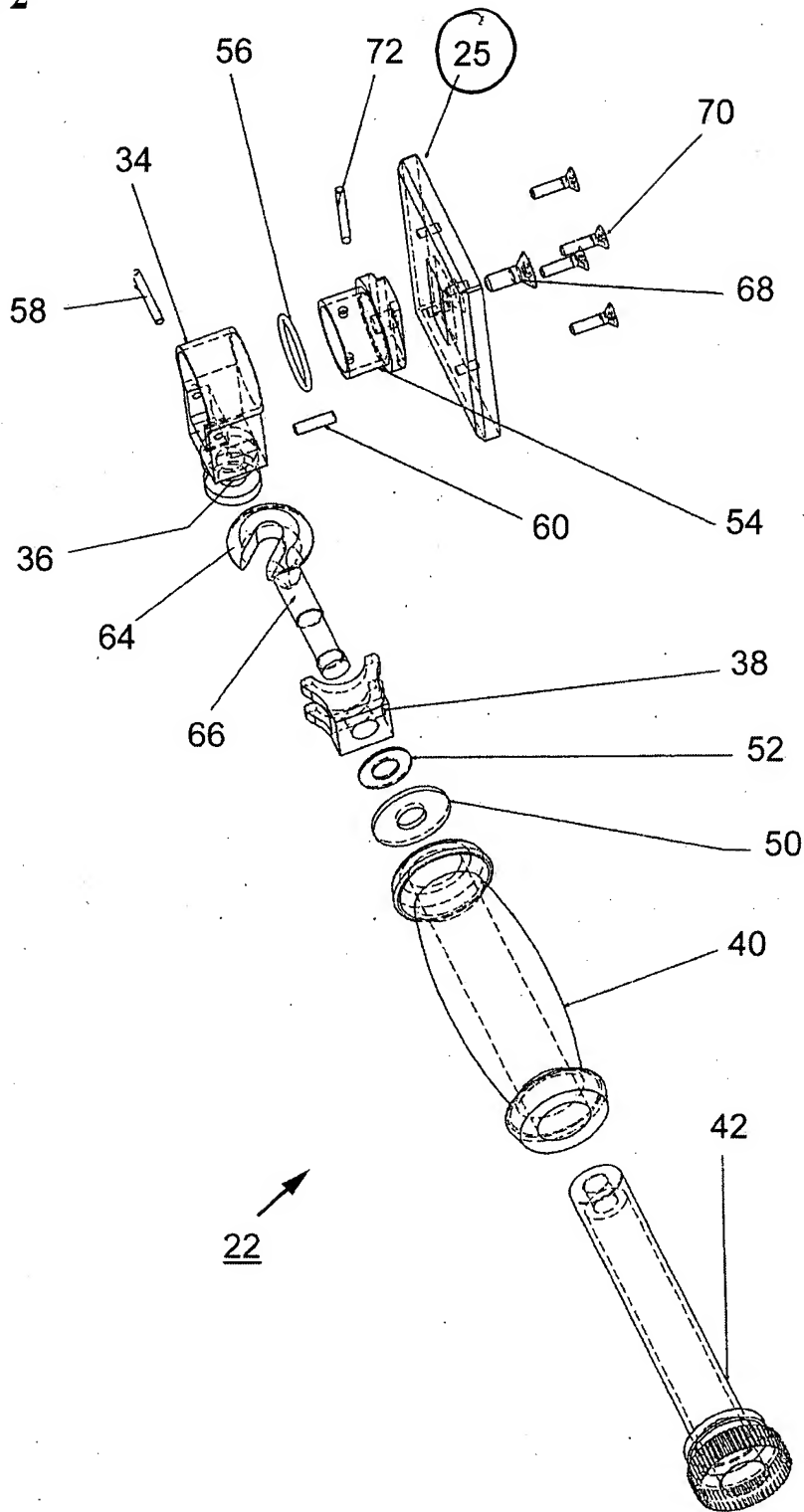


Fig. 5

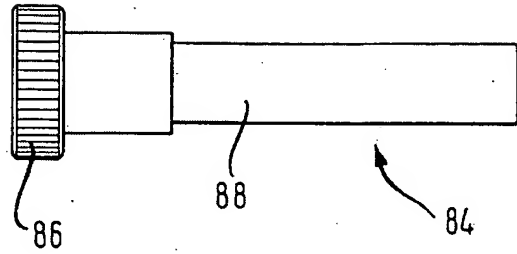


Fig. 6

